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SUBJECT: DOT DEPUTY SECRETARY/FRG STATE SECRETARY  
MEETING

1. ON MARCH 18 DOT DEPSEC BUTCHMAN MET WITH HEINZ RUHNAU, STATE SECRETARY IN THE FRG TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY. RUHNAU AND BUTCHMAN AGREED THAT THEY WOULD MEET IN BOSTON DURING THE 4TH US/FRG URBAN TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP. RUHNAU ACCEPTED THE DEPSEC INVITATION TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH MR. BUTCHMAN AFTER THE WORKSHOP IN ORDER TO MEET OTHER DOT OFFICIALS.

2. THE CONVERSATION COVERED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

--- US IN IVA. THE DEPSEC TOLD MR. RUHNAU THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN IVA '79, THE HAMBURG TRANSPORTATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN THE SPRING OF 1979.

--- CARGO CARRYING. RUHNAU DESCRIBED AS A PROBLEM THE CONTINUOUS AND GROWING TRUCK TRANSPORT OF CARGO FROM  
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ROTTERDAM VIA GERMANY. HE SAID THIS TRUCKING PUTS SUCH A STRAIN ON GERMAN ROADS THAT THE FRG IS URGING ITS WEST EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSS WITH BONN HOW TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM THROUGH BETTER INTEGRATED TRUCKING SYSTEMS. RUHNAU SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN MORE DETAIL IN WASHINGTON SINCE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THE U.S. COULD BE QUITE HELP-

FUL.

--- IMCO. THE DEPSEC AND RUHNAU AGREED THAT THE IMCO BALLASTING DECISION WAS A GOOD ONE. THEY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF TANKER ACCIDENTS AND THE PROBLEM OF LICENSING FOR SUB-STANDARD CREWS AND OFFICERS. RUHNAU SAID HE WOULD MOST LIKELY GO TO THE JUNE/JULY IMCO MEETING WHICH WOULD TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF CREW STANDARDS.

--- URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. RUHNAU EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG HAD SPENT DM 1 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP ITS URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS; THIS INVESTMENT IS NOW BEGINNING TO SHOW RESULTS. THE DEPSEC SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE HAMBURG INTEGRATED SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY ITS HONOR SYSTEM AND ITS CENTRAL COORDINATION.

3. RUHNAU SAID THAT FRG TRANSPORTATION MINISTER GSCHIEDLE NOW PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. IN MID-JULY.

4. THEIR DISCUSSION CONCERNING SOVIET MARITIME SHIPPING IS REPORTED SEPTEL.  
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